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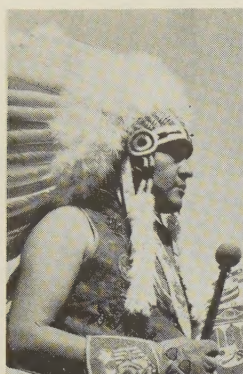
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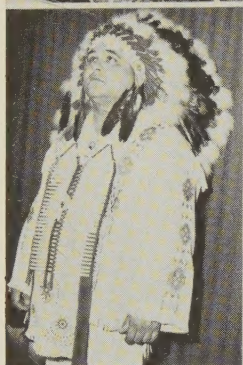
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Indian Convention Planned



George Effman
Director



John McPherson
Night Speaker

The newly formed American Indian Fellowship of the Assemblies of God has announced a unique Indian Convention to be held April 19, 20, and 21 in the Full Gospel Temple of Richmond, 14th and Bissell Avenue. Brother George Effman, the Director, reports the following activities planned:

- Three services daily
- Preaching by Indian brethren
- Business sessions each morning
- Panels, pageants, and displays
- Indians in tribal regalia
- All-Indian orchestra
- Final evening message by John McPherson, a Cherokee Indian

The Convention is expected to bring together American Indians from the entire west coast, Nevada, Utah, and Arizona. Everyone is cordially invited to these unusual meetings. As Brother Effman says, "This promises to be a great time of fellowship and a time of enlightenment to both American Indians and white people alike." The host pastor is Rev. Ely Persing. Brother Effman's address is 407 Foss Street, Healdsburg, California.

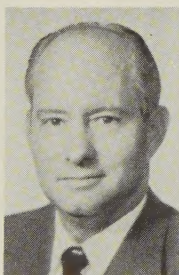
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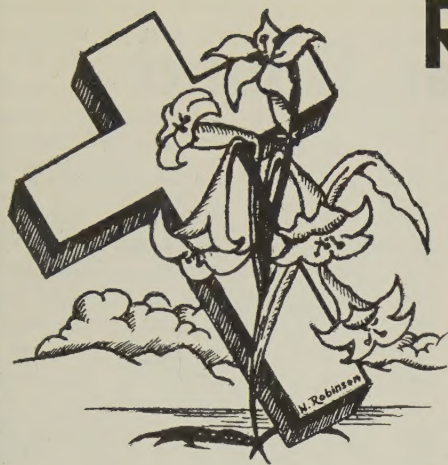
We regret sincerely that there was no March *Glad Tidings*, but hereafter we purpose to maintain our regular schedule. All subscriptions have been extended an extra month to make up for the copy missed.

In this edition you will notice two display announcements concerning activities in churches in our District. It has been the decision of the District officary that hereafter we make available a small amount of space in *Glad Tidings* for this purpose. The charges will be nominal.

Prayer is requested for Merced pastor, J. C. Snyder, who recently suffered a heart attack. At press time he was still in critical condition.

Resurrection Firstfruits

by
Fred J. Greve



"Christ is risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that slept." (1 Corinthians 15:20)

"... that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures." (James 1:18)

It is not impossible for us to take the Easter story so for granted that while we accept it and believe it, we do not realize its full demands upon us and its full promise for us.

When Paul stated that Christ was the *firstfruits of them that slept* and when James said that Christians were *"a kind of firstfruits"* they were speaking as Jews who were conditioned to make such analogies by the Jewish feast of the presentation of the first-ripe sheaf of the barley harvest. This presentation occurred on the day after the Passover Sabbath, the very day of Jesus' resurrection. So He was presented as the fulfillment of that ceremony.

The custom was that on the fourteenth of Nisan, the day of the Passover sacrifice, a portion of the standing barley in the field was marked off by certain men appointed for the task. On the fifteenth, at sundown, three men were sent to the selected field and in the presence of witnesses cut the corn. On the next day this consecrated grain was offered to the Lord by being waved before Him by the priest. None of the field could be harvested nor an ear eaten until after this ceremony. The Israelite learned through this beautiful ordinance that it was not his skill as a farmer that made the harvest possible, but it was actually God himself. There was a second truth, too, in that the wave-sheaf was the first cut sheaf, it was the first in a series. If there was a wave-sheaf, there was a multiplied harvest waiting to be gathered and used.

We are firstfruits. We cannot es-

cape, then, the fact that we must be presented to the Lord as a wave offering. Consecration to God is the inescapable demand upon the Christian. The basic principle involved is not that God is a tyrant who arbitrarily and perhaps capriciously demands that certain parts of our lives be given to Him. It is actually that we are all so very impoverished that everything we ever have comes from God. That is why the incongruity of claiming "things" as our own is so starkly tragic. Materialism is not wrong because things debase us but because we claim for ourselves that which is rightfully God's.

"Things" as such are not the only area of consecration. "Time" is another. The gift of time is God's universal gift. It is the great equalizer by which all men are reduced to a common level. It follows that we are successful or unsuccessful in life upon the basis of our use of that time. The Christian knows that God is not interested in some last-thing-before-I-go-to-bed presentation of time. God wants the firstfruits. It is not any particular time; it is the *quality* of that time.

In actual practice the consecrated Christian who brings himself to God finds that his "things" and his "time" find their place naturally as part of the whole. But he must know that if these are not in place, he is not in place.

There is a message of hope in the wave-sheaf ceremony, too. The fact that the wave offering was only a tiny part of the entire field and re-

Fred J. Greve is the new Director of Christian Education at Bethany Bible College. Brother Greve was educated at C. B. I. and Ottawa University, and he has ministered for some years in pastorates in Kansas. He has fitted into B. B. C. admirably, and is proving a real blessing there.



presented the whole field is full of meaning. You and I as the firstfruits are representative of those souls which are yet to be brought to the Lord through the Gospel. It is true: if Christ saved me, He can save anybody or He can save everybody.

It is so very easy for a local church to feel that all the reachable souls of any community have been saved. They arrive then at a philosophy of containment where they are content to hold their own and come together to get blessed. It works on the level of our unsaved loved ones, too. We sometimes feel that it is just too difficult for God to save them. But we as firstfruits should know that the entire field is out there and as we were brought, so can the other sheaves. For the Church it means that they have the challenge of evangelism: to reap the field by all good means. For the family it means that if we are consistent in our living before them, in our intercession for them, and in our witnessing to them, our loved ones will be saved.

The consecration and the harvest are actually continuous action: "consecrating" and "harvesting" We must keep at it. During World War II, a soldier from Brazil was captured in Italy by the Germans. One day he managed his escape. Pursued by the soldier, he found a bicycle and jumped on it and rode away from them. As he rode he suddenly said, "What am I doing on this machine? I've never ridden before; I don't know how to ride." He promptly fell off and had to crawl to safety. We may not always know "how to ride" but we must keep at it. We must keep presenting ourselves and keep harvesting the field.

Our Movement: Whither Bound

W. T. GASTON

(Editor's Note: Herewith is presented a digest of the Superintendent's Annual Address to District Council. The editor has attempted to retain those parts of the message that would be of general interest to all our readers. We urge every one to read this article, for we consider it outstanding.)

Before beginning the usual survey of our co-operative work, I feel constrained to turn aside for a brief look at world religion; since we are most certainly interested in every phase of religious activity in every part of the world. There seems to be a new God-consciousness in our times. Newspapers, magazines, radio, and television facilities are finding more and more space and time for religion. Religious books sold three times more copies in 1953 than all other books on all subjects combined. This can mean nothing less than a religious renaissance, and yet this is at a time when the forces of irreligion are making their strongest bid for the minds of men.

I am not unmindful of the unpleasant fact that much of the religion of our day is formal, and almost entirely without spiritual content. In the language of inspiration: "*Sensual, having not the Spirit.*" Even so, the balanced crusader for that righteousness which is of God by faith will not fail to recognize and acknowledge the unmistakable and ever-increasing evidences of hunger for the old Gospel. Indeed, spiritual thirst has become so widespread, that many churches which have been bitterly opposed or utterly indifferent to mass evangelism over long years are beginning to interpret the "handwriting on the wall," and to adjust themselves to resurgent evangelical concepts. Nineteen fifty-four was a great year for vital historic religion. Across the nation and around the world, revival campaigns have attracted the largest crowds in the history of the Church. This could be the beginning of a mighty world-wide visitation, and this, in turn, could mean the beginning of the end.

Among our own churches there is general prosperity and good health. The great awakening and spiritual outpouring that began some half-century ago, separating from the

world a peculiar people with a burning passion for souls, has not spent itself. After an average lifetime of progress, the revival is continuing to be perpetuated by a fellowship of churches in which the spirit of evangelism still grows. Personally, I am happy over the way the average pastor and congregation are seeking to live up to the ideals and precedents of a past that continues to challenge the best that is in us. Throughout our District, people are being saved, filled and healed in the regular services. This is quite general, and this is normal!

To keep this survey on an even keel, we must devote some attention to churches where progress is slow and where every advance is against tremendous odds. There are the groups that need our sympathetic understanding. Because of location, poor facilities, or other circumstances quite beyond their present power to alter, it is a major problem to reach the great mass of indifferent outsiders. Surely together we can find a way to break down this wall of isolation. Personal evangelism could be the answer in some of these cases, and in others, more general spiritual burden and practical interest by neighbouring prosperous assemblies. Outside aid may be the vital stimulus to spark local interest and achieve notable success.

Surely the growth and effectiveness of struggling churches everywhere should be in the vision and work pattern of all the stronger units of our fellowship. Is it too much to expect that more and more of our firmly established assemblies would rally to the challenge of fields where the reapers are discouragingly few? Any systematic arrangement for such itinerant evangelism would improve the effectiveness of these amateur crusaders, extend the influence of the home church, and make a real contribution to the Cause and Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have accomplished much, but we could and we should go farther and much faster. This will never be accomplished by preachers single-handed. Surely we must find a way to set the great untapped Church reservoir of power to this task.

Continuing our efforts at realism,

some reference should be made to situations where order and discipline have been substandard. These have fortunately been few in number, and the baneful effects have not been extensive, but there is nevertheless a monstrous evil potential in every case. May I herewith register a solemn warning against childish behaviour in the house of God. "*Where there is envy and strife there is confusion and every evil work.*" This strong language came from a great religious statesman in the days when church leadership was at a high level. It is neither too early nor too late to initiate a general and vigorous effort to stimulate in the entire body of believers the will and the strength to resist these ugly contagions.

There is nothing in what I am saying here upon which to build an inferiority complex. From the days of the apostles until now, no church communion has been able to steer the old ship safely by all the jagged rocks of human carnality. It would seem that human frailty will be with us like the poor — always! But thanks be unto God, there are two effective remedies: grace and truth, and these are ample. It might be helpful to add however, that to deal effectively with these disorders, we must also exercise great faith and patience, since recovery is generally progressive and stubborn cases painfully slow.

The records of our District will indicate that we are slowly maturing in the matter of developing a sense of responsibility to co-operative efforts. By pulling together, we have been able to accomplish things that are a credit to our movement. Who could now question our right to some measure of sanctified, self-congratulation? The visible and invisible fruits of our labours cheer us on to further unselfish sharing in Kingdom business. To anyone who has not yet elected to go along with the mundane and practical side of these co-operative enterprises: the loss is yours. No doubt you will feel it more with the passing years. In all sincerity, I would suggest that the Scriptural principle of equality, religiously adhered to by all, would surprise and delight all of us with the virility and power of our corporate ability to ac-

comply things by united action.

A year ago, the District Council authorized the Presbytery, at their discretion, to take the necessary steps to change our three-year Bible Institute to a four-year Bible College. These representative brethren met together for a full consideration of the contemplated change. After long hours of deliberation, the Presbyters voted unanimously to proceed with the plan as proposed a year ago, and to set in motion such procedures as would meet the requirements of the State and Accreditation Agency. A separate corporation was required and hence a subsidiary corporation has been set up. The rights of the people have been safeguarded by keeping the control in the hands of the Presbyters elected from year to year by the District Council. This will conform to the law relating to Colleges offering degrees. It will, at the same time, obviate the necessity of paying heavy taxes on a financial liability, and will not essentially change our present system of control.

It would seem that the prospects for our Bible Training School grow brighter with the years. I heartily commend Bethany Bible College to your confidence, to your prayers, and to your practical co-operation. There is no question that this training school represents our greatest single contribution to the on-going of our distinctive testimony in these last days.

The trend of the times toward ever higher cultural levels is generally appreciated by church people everywhere. There is, however, a stifled sense of fear and hesitation in the hearts of some who have had a very real share in building this fellowship. We owe to these friends an earnest attempt to understand their basic reasoning, and we owe to everyone a disposition that is ready to profit by the balance this could provide. This concern is rooted in the subsoil of religious history, and in the Christian consciousness of the innate human tendency to lean on the arm of flesh. With more and more polished natural abilities and artistic talents will come the necessity for more and more emphasis upon the utter futility of attempting to serve the spiritual needs of the world with tools that are forged merely in intellectual fires. It would be sheer folly to bury our faces in the sand while our natural slow metabolism is being treated with a remedy that can only bring on lowered spiritual vitality. If lack of culture has hindered our progress, a decided tendency to glorify culture would most certainly bring on creep-

ing paralysis and eventual death.

Having endeavored to voice a sympathetic appraisal of the negative position, I hasten now to say that in my humble opinion, there is no doubt that Christian culture in any degree, as a handmaiden of grace, has much to contribute to our Cause. Both reason and the Holy Scriptures demand our utmost in preparation for a service of such magnitude. What could be better than for all of us to go along with our times, doing our best to improve and sharpen our faculties, while tenaciously holding to our faith in that power by which the Church was formed and made effective in a hostile world. The former will help, but the latter is essential. We owe it to Christ, and to our generation, to make the best possible use of all our ransomed power, and at the same time, maintain a consciousness that is sensitive to the blessed Spirit — sensitive also to any attempt at substitution.

To any devoted servant of Christ who may be a little disturbed about these prevailing winds: this word of assurance. I do not think the time will ever come when the man who is called and anointed of God, and who will continue to pray and study, will experience any difficulty in keeping abreast of the times. There is a sufficiency in God; there is a culture of the Spirit! This, coupled with industry and selfless devotion, will find and hold a place so long as the

planets continue in their appointed orbits.

And now, a few remarks of friendly counsel concerning the compensation of ministers. We all understand that local churches are sovereign, and that any attempt at dictation in these matters is out of the question. My thought is to counsel, and no one should attempt to read any other meaning into these remarks. I have observed that more and more churches are taking good and better care of their pastors. This is commendable and pleasing to the Lord. Yet, in these days when most everybody is receiving good wages, lack of vision and understanding is still responsible for much unnecessary hardship on the part of some ministers and their families. I suggest that churchmen, where such conditions prevail in any measure, seek and find a way to change this unbecoming picture. No church has ever prospered which has followed a policy of being small and penurious. The great Cause we represent demands that wherever possible we put our ministers on a high level of dignity and respectability.

Our most serious situations are among the pioneers who still struggle, almost alone, to push back the frontiers of our spiritual domain. Do what you can, it will be distressingly inadequate. I do wish more pastors would give their people a chance to

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Our Lord's Attire



I DONNED MY EASTER SHOES —
BUT LOOKING DOWN WITH PRIDE AT FASHION'S GAY ATTIRE,
I THERE BEHELD — CAKED WITH CALVARY'S DUST AND MIRE —
MY SAVIOUR'S FEET!

I DONNED MY EASTER DRESS —
BUT IN ITS PLACE PERCEIVED A PURPLE TRAVESTY,
CONCEALING LACERATED, FLAUNTED MAJESTY —
MY SAVIOUR'S FORM!

I DONNED MY EASTER HAT —
A BIT OF STRAW PERCHED JAUNTILY UPON MY HEAD,
BUT LO, REFLECTION SHOWED A THORN —
CROWNED ONE INSTEAD —
MY SAVIOUR'S BROW!

I DONNED MY EASTER GLOVES —
BUT AS I GAZED UPON THEIR SILKEN LOVELINESS,
THROUGH TEARS I SAW — WEARING THE NAILS' IMPRESS —
MY SAVIOUR'S HANDS!

HUMBLED I WENT MY WAY
AND JOINING ONCE AGAIN THE HAPPY EASTER THRONG,
WITH CONSECRATED HEART, OUTPOURED A NEW, NEW SONG —
MY SAVIOUR'S PRAISE!

BESS A. OLSON.

MISSIONS: Home and Foreign

Missions: Past, Present and Future

KENNETH M. HAYSTEAD

Home and Foreign missions have been the two phases of District work that have occupied the major share of my time and interest for the past two years. Home Missions is the continuation of the very fine program of assistance to needy churches and pioneer efforts that has been carried on in this District so nobly for many years. Church Extension is a plan to establish a new Assembly of God in each striving and strategic community by providing a healthy start with adequate facilities that will meet the challenge of the area and the requirements of each local planning commission.

GIVING FOR HOME MISSIONS

This has been a good year in Home Missions! In spite of our "double-barrelled" appeal, our total giving of \$20,889.79 was an increase of \$162.86 over the previous year and a combined increase of over \$4,000.00 in the past two years! This is remarkable in the light of the added emphasis given to Church Extension which totalled an additional \$1,281.62 this past fiscal year and for a two year total of \$4,850.85. Combining these figures, we discover that we have increased our total Home Missions and C. E. F. giving nearly \$9,000 in the past two years — \$8,889.16 to be exact.

CHURCH EXTENSION FELLOWSHIP

It is my happy privilege to report the completion of our first Church Extension Fellowship project. On February the 20th, we dedicated the church at San Bruno with only a few minor details left undone. Officially appraised at a value of \$68,000 and with a total indebtedness of less than \$15,000, the beautiful and commodious building stands as a monument to all who participated in its development and completion.

GIVING FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

I cannot conceal my genuine excitement concerning Foreign Missions. And I report that we have successfully achieved two of our objectives this year. The first: to break the \$200,000 barrier, which we did

with \$5,784.44 to spare! This amount is an increase of over \$31,000 this past year. The second, and not nearly so important: to move into third place in the nation in total Missionary giving.

The most gratifying indication in our Annual Foreign Mission's report is the wider spread of church participation in our Missionary giving. In short, more churches gave consistently than ever before in our history! An open-hearted analysis of our church-by-church report of missionary giving, leads one to observe that the important factor determining whether or not a church can be classified as truly a "Missionary Church" is the attitude of the pastor. Pick out a church that has shown remarkable improvement in the quality and quantity of its missionary interest and there you will find, invariably, a pastor with a heart big enough for the entire world.

OUR FUTURE OBJECTIVES

In a challenging past of world-wide evangelism, our FIRST OBJECTIVE should be a spiritual one. We need to go down in penitence and humility before the Lord and place our work before Him for reevaluation as to motives and accomplishments, and then to rise up in renewed consecration and rededication to the great united effort of spreading this glorious gospel in Pentecostal demonstration to our Jerusalem, our Judea, and Samaria and to the uttermost part of the earth.

Our SECOND OBJECTIVE, in a world-wide evangelism, should be to establish the goals toward which we should strive. We have long preached the wondrous truth concerning the second coming of Christ, but at the same time we need to ask: "Are we prepared if He does NOT come in our generation?" This is not heresy, for the same Scriptures that urge continual personal preparedness, carefully obscure the exact time of His return, and enjoin us to plan carefully and build solidly in an ever-widening occupancy till He come. We need to depart from the policy of im-

provising for immediate expediency and instead think into the future and build intelligently and extensively upon the foundation already laid for us.

BETHANY BIBLE COLLEGE

Let us first apply this principle to our Bible School. We must insure our school of its chance to become a strong force in the field of training and educating our future workers in our fellowship. We need to evidence mutual confidence in our capable school administration, and we need to make a concerted effort to give continued support morally and financially to the school program.

DISTRICT EXPANSION

We need to apply this principle in our District expansion program. Our population is increasing and it constitutes a striking challenge to us in this hour. We need more churches, even where we have our largest and finest churches there are still multitudes without Christ or a church and they are lost. No one church in any community of any size in our District is, even now, adequately meeting the growing challenge of the unchurched in that community.

MISSION U. S. A.

In the third place, our principle of world-wide evangelism requires that we make known our willingness actively to share in the national program of Church Extension known as "Mission U.S.A." This will necessitate, for some, a new concept of our co-operative work and call for renewed consecration for all of us to the extent that we will gladly sacrifice time, talent, money — and in some cases, members — to assist in establishing a new Assembly of God nearby. Our quota of 25 brand new churches for this District this year is not out of the question.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Finally, in the area in which we term "Foreign Missions," the application of our principle would mean that each church become a missionary church. We must do all in our power to encourage a special breed of men — missionary pastors — if we are to have missionary churches. "Give and it shall be given unto you" is good doctrine for churches as well as individuals! Our goal is a 20% increase in total missionary giving this coming year. Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars for Foreign Missions in 1955 is not out of reach or reason, in fact it is a must! We must, by our determination and our consecration, here and now join in a new surge of World Missionary emphasis.

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Interesting excerpts from the

SECRETARY'S REPORT TO COUNCIL

Included in the report of Joseph L. Gerhart, the District Secretary-Treasurer, to the 37th annual District Council were the following facts and figures:

At the end of 1954 there were 939 members on our Ministers and Christian Workers roll. Of these there were: 571 ordained, 297 licensed, and 71 Christian Workers.

There are 76 missionaries on our District list.

There were 55 granted credentials during the year, and 64 transferred

into our District from other Districts. While 47 transferred out of the District and 21 had their names removed from our rolls, the total increase was 49.

We have about 758 members in our Metropolitan Group Insurance.

During 1954, the total receipts from all sources (except Bethany Park and Camps) to the District office were \$68,069.18.

In the same period, the total receipts from Bethany Park and Camps were \$48,206.98.

Preferred Insurance

Inasmuch as only a few postcards were returned prior to District Council requesting discussion of this subject, the presbyters concluded that there was a lack of interest and they voted to abandon it on the part of the District, but to leave the matter in the hands of local churches. Assemblies who desire to take advantage of this program in order to supplement their income may contact Pastor Don Annas, P. O. Box 451, Manteca. Brother Annas is the pastor of the Manteca Assembly and Vice-President of the District C. A.'s.

Lobby for the Bible

State Senate Bill Number 1152 being considered by the educational committees of the House and Senate at Sacramento deals with the Bible in the public schools of California. If this bill were passed into law, it would prescribe "Selections from the Bible may be read in the Public Schools." Christians may write their State Senator and Assemblyman, as well as the Educational Committees at Sacramento, urging passage of the bill. Some 37 states now have laws permitting the Bible to be read in the public schools.

District Campmeeting - July 1 - 17



Our first Church Extension Fellowship project is now completed. On Sunday, February 20, members and friends gathered in the San Bruno church for an inspiring service of dedication. In the above picture, Brother Gaston is reporting the history of the San Bruno work. Music was by the choir of Bethany Bible College, and K. M. Haystead was the main speaker.

DISTRICT COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

Among the resolutions that were passed at the very profitable thirty-seventh annual District Council were the following of interest to *Glad Tidings* readers:

Every church was urged to take offerings or assign a portion of its monthly budget to provide for Bethany Bible College.

The Church Extension Fellowship program was officially endorsed and every church was urged to participate in order to provide two new churches a year in our District.

The Assistant District Superintendent was relieved of the tasks of Business Manager for the Camp and Bible School and the Presbytery was empowered to find ways and means to provide a full-time Camp and Bible School Manager.

The benefits of the Minister's Benevolent Fund were increased from a maximum of \$350.00 to a maximum of \$500.00 with proportionate increases at less than the maximum level.

The action of the Presbytery in developing the program of Bethany Bible College was ratified.

The Oregon program of the Church Extension Plan was endorsed and steps were recommended whereby it should operate in this District.

There was a standing vote of thanks for the Springfield brethren who had made their ministries available to the Council, and also to Pastor Keetah Jones and his people who had been hosts to the Council.

PRAYERFUL SYMPATHIES

To Reverend Charles Roberts and Pearl Hutchins on the passing of wife and mother, Mrs. Nannie Roberts who went to be with the Lord December 27. Brother Roberts is one of our retired pioneer ministers, and he and Sister Roberts were active members in the assembly at Felton, California. Sister Roberts collapsed just as she finished teaching her Sunday School class, and in a few hours she was with the Lord she loved so dearly.

To Lionel W. Suter on the passing of his father at Niangua, Missouri.

To the family and loved ones of Earl F. Davis. Brother Davis was killed in an airplane crash in New Mexico. He formerly pastored in this District at Stockton and Ceres.

The smaller we are the more room God has.

CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS

From our hearts we say

Welcome New C. A. Groups

During the last several months there have been a number of new groups enter our fellowship. We want them to know that we count it a privilege to have them with us. Some of these groups have actually been in existence for some time and have been co-operating in our District program and support but have only now been set in order. In addition to the groups that will be named here, there are a number who have just recently been re-activated. For this new surge of life we are all grateful. Here are those who have recently been set in order:

Assembly of God, Wesley, Calif.

Calvary Assembly of God, North Sacramento, Calif.

Yosemite Avenue Assembly of God, Madera, Calif.

Arcata Assembly of God, Arcata, Calif.

Assembly of God, Davis, Calif.

Assembly of God, Sutter, Calif.

First Assembly of God, San Leandro, Calif.

Church of the Redeemed, North Sacramento, Calif.

Assembly of God, Plymouth, Calif.

Assembly of God, Brentwood, Calif.

Assembly of God, San Andreas, Calif.

Greenville Indian Mission.

Modesto Community Full Gospel Church.

Assembly of God, Dos Palos.

Assembly of God, Pinedale.

Assembly of God, Angels Camp.

Assembly of God, East Windsor.

♦It was with sincere regret that we learned of a car-truck accident involving a group of C. A.'s enroute to a rally in Woodland. Injured, but now recovering nicely, were Laura Wilson, wife of Pastor Wilson Jr., of Colusa, and the Colusa C. A. President.

C. A. Day Appeal

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

Your opportunity to show your appreciation to your National C. A. Office. An offering from your C. A. group for the Department in Springfield will be greatly appreciated.

C. A. Chit-Chat

What's new this month? Let's look around the District and see what has been going on in the C. A. department.

We have an election at YUBA CITY. The results were: Jerry Russell, President; Betty Parker, Vice-President; Gladys Bentley, Secretary; and Carol Barngrover, Treasurer. This group has seen several service men saved in recent months and 15 young people added to their number since the first of the year.



Pictured above are the new officers of the PLACERVILLE C. A.'s. They were installed recently at a banquet at which Bob Smallwood of Camino was the speaker. In the snap are (left to right): Mrs. Knutson, Outgoing President; Pearl Benton, Incoming President; Darlene Richter, Vice-President; Christine Conley, Secretary; Betty Richter, Treasurer; and Charles Knutson, Reporter.

From the AUBURN INDIAN CHURCH comes word that a new group has been established. The pastor is Ira Van Houten who recently was the president of Sacramento's Capital Assembly C. A.'s.

CAPITAL ASSEMBLY in Sacra-

WATCH THIS PAGE FOR NEWS CONCERNING:

- I. A WHIRL-WIND SERIES OF SPEED-THE-LIGHT RALLIES TO ACQUAINT YOU WITH OUR 1955 PROJECTS.
- II. A DISTRICT WIDE TOUR TO SHOW THE FILM OF LAST YEAR'S SANTA CRUZ YOUTH CAMP.
- III. A MID-SPRING COLLEGE STUDENTS' SEMINAR.
- IV. AN EARLY FALL YOUNG MARRIED COUPLES' RETREAT.
- V. DATES AND PRICES OF THE SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS AT MINERAL, REDWOODS AND SANTA CRUZ.

mento has a "terrific" basketball team. It has won the second half Championship without losing a game and Eddie and Harold Gomes have been picked for the league's all-star team. At a recent election of this C. A. group the following officers were elected: Lillian Price, President; Lorne Hankin, Vice-President; Gerry Patterson, Secretary; Sadie Curry, Treasurer; and Dorothy Gomes, Counselor. The new pastor at Capital is H. B. Garlock, one of the founders of Speed-the-Light.

From MARYSVILLE comes the report that 4 of the C. A.'s received the Holy Spirit in a recent revival meeting. In their annual election the following were placed in office: Leona Knapp, President; Dean Waddell, Vice-President; Beverly Lowe, Secretary; and James Bryant, Treasurer.

Dorothy Small writes from WATERFORD that several young people have been saved and added to their C. A.'s. We are always happy for such news.

Another report of the Lord's moving among our young people comes from LINCOLN where several have received the Holy Spirit and new members have been added to the group. Elections there resulted in: Les Crosett, President; Bernice Crough, Vice-President; Lester Bus-sill, Secretary; and Bernice Freymond, Treasurer.

All news for this column should be sent to Don Sturgeon, 1443 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California.

♦Wedding bells rang on February 5th for Sectional Chairman Don Shelly, and Vernita Persing, daughter of Ely Persing, pastor of the Full Gospel Temple of Richmond. The newlyweds are to minister as assistant pastors to Brother Persing.

Our New Sectional Chairman

During recent weeks there have been a number of changes in our Sectional Chairmen. We heartily welcome these new leaders into our District program. We pray for you, that at all times you will have the leading of the precious Holy Spirit as you plan and conduct your C. A. rallies. Herewith is the list of changes that have been reported to the C. A. office to date:

REDWOOD SECTION

W. M. Frazier

SHASTA SECTION

Bernard Johnson, Jr.

CAPITOL SECTION

Dave Peters

NORTH SAN JOAQUIN SECTION

Lowell Prinzing

NEVADA SECTION

Len Wood

CENTRAL SAN JOAQUIN SECTION

Leon Terry

PENINSULA SECTION

Norman Campbell

CONTRA COSTA

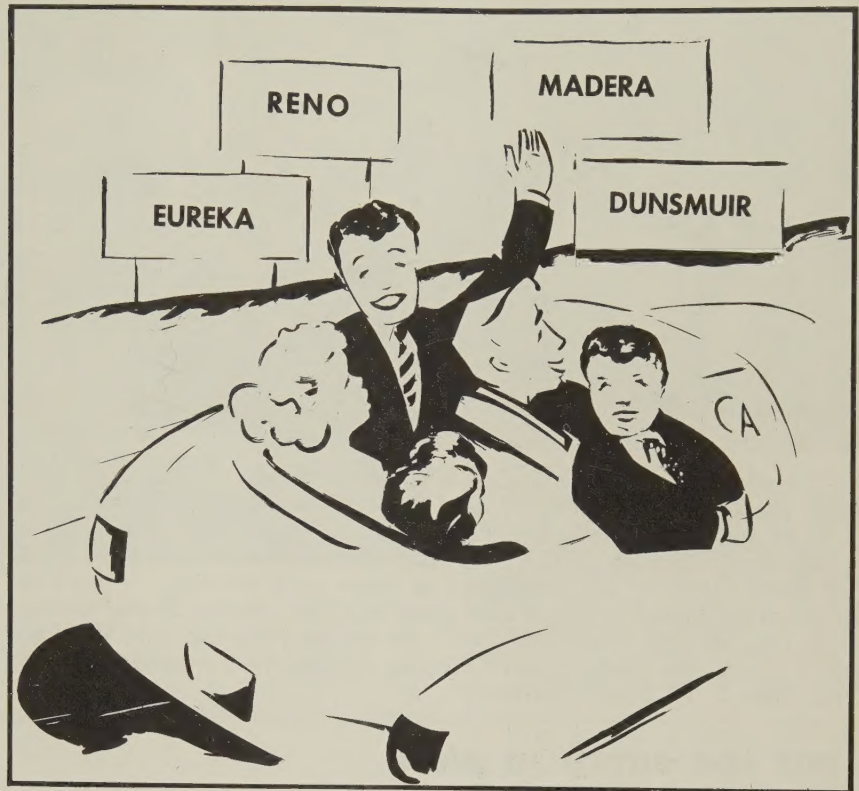
Manuel Deeds

In turn, this office salutes the retiring Chairmen. These include: Jerrel Snyder, Chet Kenworthy, Reuben Wilson Jr., Don Annas, Cathleen Carter, Philip Stewart, Eugene Lawrence, and William Vickery. Each of these good folk has done splendid work in his own section and has co-operated fully with our District program.

C. A. CAMP
JULY 17 - 23, 1955
BETHANY PARK

"We're on our way to the

Regional C. A. Convention"



CONVENTION DATES:

Reno, April 4, 5 — Don Annas, Speaker

Dunsmuir, April 8, 9 — Walt Boring, Speaker

Eureka, April 15, 16 — Walt Boring, Speaker

Madera, April 22, 23 — Kirk Soper, Speaker

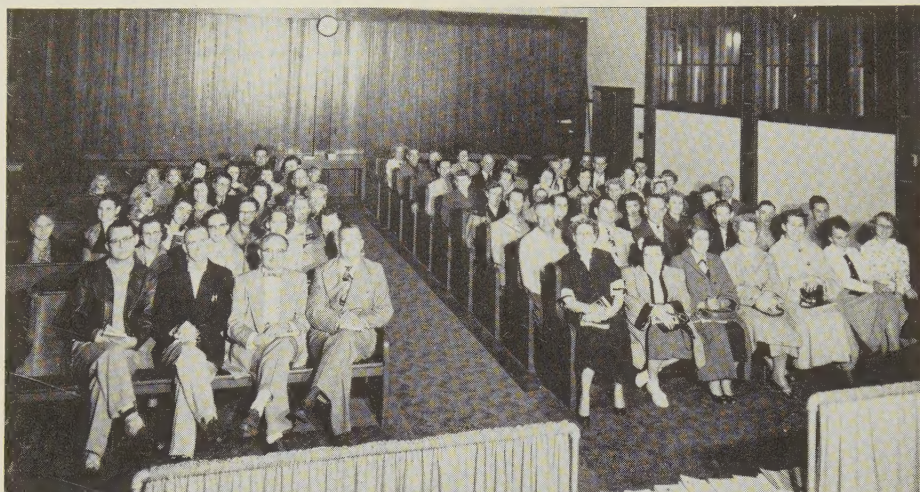
Special Speed-the-Light Speaker: Harold Headrick

(Below) The Pipkins say, "THANK YOU C. A.'S!" This fine missionary family are here pictured with the new Ford station wagon that was the Speed-the-Light vehicle provided for them. The C. A.'s of our District

united with those of Oregon and Texas in order to purchase this equipment. On February 11 the Pipkins sailed for the Philippines and we say to them, "Thanks for going, Pipkins."



SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT



A very successful and well attended Workers Training Course was conducted in the Central Assembly of God of Richmond, California with Mrs. L. W. Suter serving as instructor. Testimonies of those who attended told of the wonderful blessing of the Lord upon the course and upon the ministry of Sister Suter as she ministered to them each evening. Fifty-four certificates were issued to those who completed the course. Seated on the front row (left to right) beginning with the second from the left: Superintendent J. C. Hobbs, Pastor Russell Griffin, Assistant Superintendent Peacock and Mrs. L. W. Suter, instructor.

It's not too early to plan . .

Vacation Bible School

It is only a little over two months until it is Vacation Bible School time. Plans should be made in the very near future to insure a successful V. B. S. Materials will need to be purchased, a staff selected, the school publicized and many other phases of the work taken care of between now and the time for the V. B. S. to commence.

The District Sunday School Department, as well as the National

Sunday School Department, stands ready to help you in any way possible. Please feel free to contact us for any help we might be able to give you.

Let's WIN! TEACH! TRAIN!
through the VBS!

Note: The District Sunday School Department will NOT be handling VBS supplies this year. You should order them from the Assemblies of God Book Store, 331 W. Colorado, Pasadena, California.



Watch This Column

Average attendance for the month of February.

1. Sacramento, Bethel Temple	906
2. Hayward, Bethel Assembly	545
3. Turlock, Bethel Temple	479
4. Stockton, Calvary Temple	445
5. Redwood City	415
6. Vallejo, First Assembly	371
7. Richmond, Central Assembly	326
8. Sunnyvale, First Assembly	308
9. San Jose, Bethel	301
10. Merced	247
11. Chico, First Assembly	240
12. Santa Rosa	236
13. Lodi, First Assembly	229
14. Roseville	228
15. Oroville, First Assembly	222
16. Eureka	175
17. North Sacramento	166
18. Red Bluff	141
19. Biggs	138
20. Burlingame	137
21. South San Francisco	134
22. Winters	124
23. Gridley	112
24. Colusa	92
25. Daly City	82
26. Sterling City	72
27. Chico, Pleasant Valley	70
28. Durham	70
29. Oroville, Honcut	34
30. Orland, Capay	32

Listed below is the school with the highest percentage of increase for the month of February over the average attendance for January for each section:

Section	February	Increase
1. Sacramento Valley		
Chico, Pleasant Valley	70	37.24%
2. Peninsula		
Daly City	82	32.26%
3. Capital		
Winters	124	21.52%
4. East Bay		
Hayward	545	17.45%
5. South San Joaquin		
Merced	247	10.75%
6. North Bay		
Santa Rosa	236	7.77%
7. Central San Joaquin		
Turlock	479	6.68%
8. Redwood		
Eureka	175	5.42%
9. North San Joaquin		
Lodi	229	.44%

CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP

July 25 - 30 — Ages 13 - 14

August 1 - 6 — Ages 11 - 12

August 8 - 13 — Ages 9 - 10

Total Cost \$12.50

Roy Blakeley, Speaker

The Sunday School at Lovelock, Nevada as it appeared on day last fall. There were 34 present the day the picture was taken, but in recent weeks the attendance has exceeded even that figure. The pastors are the Charles Shaws, and Sister Shaw also acts as Sunday School Superintendent. Inasmuch as Lovelock is a small work, an attendance this large is a noteworthy achievement.

BETHANY BIBLE COLLEGE



The B. B. C. faculty (left to right): L. M. Robinson, Registrar; F. J. Greve, H. Kimber, L. R. Keys (in pulpit), President; M. H. Heicksen; L. T. Holdcroft, Dean; M. V. Swanson, L. F. Wilson, F. M. Beiser. This picture was taken at the close of a Tuesday morning chapel service, just before the faculty left the platform. In these weekly services, Brother Keys regularly brings an inspiring message from the Word.

New Alumni Officers

Missionary Convention

The annual Missionary Convention at B. B. C. is scheduled for April 12 through April 16. There will be three services daily: 11:00 a. m., 2:00 p. m., and 7:30 p. m. The main speakers will be R. J. Renfroe, John Tinsman, and K. M. Haystead. Students will construct interesting missionary booths and displays. Anyone, anywhere in our District, is heartily invited to join the students and faculty in these meetings.

*Marjorie Sherman
President*

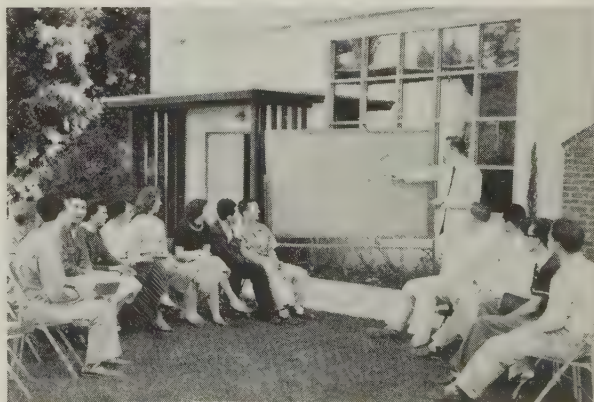


*Gerald Boyd
Vice-President*



The outcome of the Alumni meeting at Vallejo was the following slate of Alumni officers: Marjorie Sherman, President; Gerald Boyd, Vice-President; Guy Hardin, Executive Secretary; and Lewis Wilson, Recording Secretary and Treasurer. We hope to run pictures of the latter two officers at a later date.

*Speech class
at B. B. C.*



One unique advantage of the California coastal region as a site for our Bible College is the mild winter weather. The above picture was taken in January on a day when the lovely sunshine and green lawns and Redwoods beckoned outdoors. The teacher is Brother L. F. Wilson.

Coming Events

BACCALAUREATE

— May 22

GRADUATION

— May 28

Prospective Students Invited To B. B. C. for Spring Camus Day.

All young people contemplating Bible College are cordially invited to visit Bethany Bible College campus on Saturday, April 16. Pastors and alumni throughout the District are asked to help by providing transportation from their areas. Guests on that day are invited to visit classes and chapel, share the noon meal (for which a nominal charge will be made), and generally to inspect our campus. It is suggested that guests plan to arrive about 9:00 or 10:00 on Saturday morning, but there will be some accommodations for those who find it desirable to come Friday evening.

This project is being sponsored and planned jointly by the Alumni leaders and the College Administration. Under former Alumni President, Ray Oliver, and now under Marjorie Sherman, the current Alumni President, the event promises to be a time of blessing and profit to all who attend. Those who plan to come are asked to notify B. B. C. in order that adequate preparation may be made. Cards or letters should be addressed: President L. R. Keys, Bethany Bible College, 800 Bethany Drive, Santa Cruz, California.

HERE AND THERE

APTOS — Brother Douglas Cooksey held a three week meeting for us in February. God really blessed and revived our hearts. The crowning night one young person was gloriously saved. There was good attendance at each service and our number is still growing. Warren V. Pine, Pastor.

ARCATA — The McKinleyville Assembly has experienced a precious revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Arnold Lawson. Some 25 have been converted or reclaimed, and the entire congregation has been spiritually refreshed. The pastor is Reverend C. L. Myers. Report by Pearl A. Archer, Secretary.

ATWATER — The South San Joaquin Section Fellowship meeting was held here January 24th. Dan Robinson of Salida gave a stirring message in the afternoon on "being a good soldier," and Reverend Floyd Thomas of Fresno brought the evening message. There was a large group of pastors and evangelists present, and the presence of the Lord was felt in sweet fellowship all day. Reverend J. C. Snyder was re-elected presbyter for the coming year, and Sister Snyder was re-elected W. M. C. President. In the evening, a fine fellowship dinner was served by the host church to a large crowd in the new fellowship hall which was dedicated as we met around the table. This lovely new building is a credit to the Atwater church. J. C. Snyder, Presbyter.

AUBURN — A bulletin announcing youth revival services with Evangelist Phil Lindvall recently came to the office. Brother Lindvall had scheduled such subjects as: Hobo's Holiday, Blind Date, Real Gone,

and Branded! We visualize outstanding interest and a fine series of meetings.

CASTRO VALLEY — We recently enjoyed two weeks of special meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. Cavallini of San Francisco. Our Sunday School has set a new record of 102. We are thanking God for His continued blessings. R. J. Boyd, Pastor.

CLOVERDALE — We had Sister Velma Locky with us for two weeks and we had the best revival the church has ever known. One night 15 young people came forward for salvation. A number of our people testified that the Lord had healed them. J. L. Jeffrey, Pastor, 130 Elm Street.

HOLLISTER — Evangelist Milton L. Woods, formerly of Lindsay, California, recently conducted a teacher-training course and a one-week revival. There were 52 certificates issued, and both the training course and the revival were outstandingly successful. J. C. Merwin, Pastor.

KELSEYVILLE — Evangelist and Mrs. Steven Bass have just concluded a revival meeting that has lasted four weeks. The church was greatly stirred by the inspiring and Spirit anointed messages from night to night. There were a number saved, reclaimed, and healed. Leonard Miller, Pastor.

KLAMATH — The Lord has been blessing in a wonderful way. January 9th the Lord sent to us Brother George Phelps from Emmitt, Idaho, for special services. Souls have been saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Seventeen knelt for salvation. January the 30th nineteen were baptized in water. N. R. Ingram, Pastor.

MERCED — We have concluded a very profitable three weeks meeting with Sisters Nola Stout and Norma Elliott of Spring-



Pastor and Mrs. Harold Burger of Galt. The Burgers have currently obtained leave of absence from their church and they are engaging in a Caribbean evangelistic tour. They expect to minister in Jamaica, Cuba, Haiti, Puerto Rico, and Dominican Republic. Pastor Verlyn Skore of Livingston is accompanying the Burgers in this missionary evangelistic project. They earnestly covet our prayers.

WANTED TO BUY

A Sunday School bus. Contact A. M. Redding, 5050 W. Mission, Fresno 5.



(Left) The new Assembly of God at Olivehurst. This lovely structure, recently dedicated, is the fruit of the labors of Pastor and Mrs. Searl Stover who have ministered in Olivehurst for the past three years. Before this structure was begun, the Stovers first led the people in renovating the existing facilities and liquidating the indebtedness. Ground was broken for the new building on December 31, 1953, and just ten months and seven days later it was completed. Brother Gaston presided at the dedication service. The building is 38 by 80, and it includes an auditorium seating 300 as well as all other necessary rooms and facilities for the efficient conduct of an Assembly of God church. Even during this building program, the assembly has been able to maintain a Gold Crown Sunday School and pastor and people are continually conscious of the Lord's rich blessing.



The Sunday School of Riverbank's Assembly of God on a recent Sunday morning. This group, numbering 214, had gathered to hear Evangelist John McPherson of Richmond. In the weekday services with the evangelist, the attendance reached 237 and the blessing of the Lord was freely outpoured. The Assembly has recently acquired the bus that is visible in the picture. Pastor Don

Merrill enthusiastically comments on Brother McPherson's help in lettering the bus as well as in ministering spiritually. Concludes Brother Merrill; "Surely God is blessing in every department of the church, for which we are thankful. God has been saving souls most every weekend."

field, Missouri. We all appreciated the consecrated musical talent of these ladies, and the anointed preaching of Sister Stout. Many new people were brought in and a number were saved. On the closing night, ten followed the command of the Lord and were baptized in water. We have only been in our new building seven months, but truly the Lord is blessing and adding to our number. J. C. Snyder, Pastor.

OAKLAND (Bethel) — Pastor Arthur M. Otteson resigned recently after serving the church for a number of years. Before coming to this District, Brother Otteson spent eleven consecutive years in evangelistic travels throughout the U. S. and Canada. He will be available for a few revival campaigns and Sunday engagements in the District during the coming months. Mail reaches him at 22097 Dolores Street, Castro Valley.

PITTSBURG — We just closed a very successful revival with Reverend and Mrs. Earl McMillin. We enjoyed his anointed preaching and their singing. Fourteen were saved and 9 received the Holy Spirit. C. R. McQueary, Pastor.

SAN JOSE (Calvary Temple) — A recent revival with Evangelist Merle Edwards of Denver, Colorado, proved of outstanding blessing. A unique feature of the meetings was a special Saturday night men's prayer meeting. Kermit Jeffrey is the pastor.

TEHAMA — Things are moving along here in Tehama. We just closed a good meeting with Brother Bernard Johnson, Jr. God's blessing rested in all of the services. The attendance was large for here. One was filled with the Holy Ghost. The Sunday School reached an all time record of 107 for which we praise God. Edward B. Byram, Pastor.

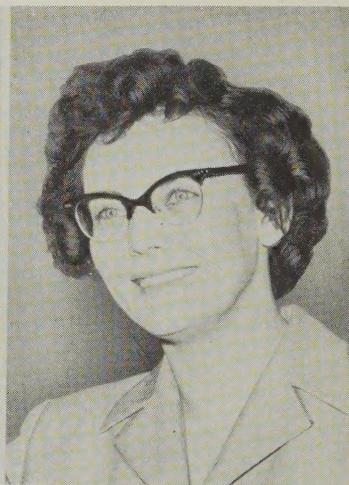
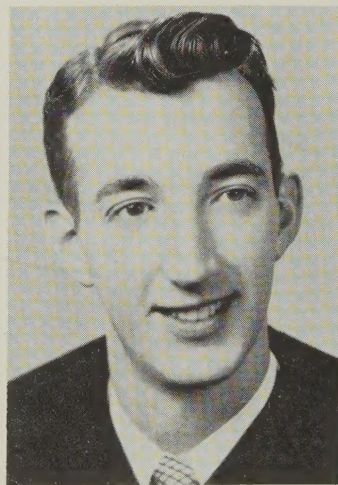
VACAVILLE — The March North Bay Fellowship Meeting here featured Presbyterian L. R. Anderson as the evening speaker,

and in the afternoon Pastor Roy Whitt with missionary slides. The pastor is Wm. L. Shelley.

WALNUT CREEK — "We recently had a meeting with Evangelist Jack Epperson of Van Nuys. Thirteen came to the altar for salvation, and a splendid revival spirit moved in the hearts of the people. The meetings were so rich they were extended eleven days longer than originally planned and there were many testimonies of healings and Spirit refillings." William Vickery, Pastor.

WILLITS — We are in the greatest revival our church has witnessed since be-

ginning our ministry here. The Holy Spirit is our evangelist, and as high as 13 in one week have given their hearts to the Lord. Some fell out of their seats on their knees and surrendered their lives to God. Backsliders have come back into fellowship with the Lord. Sick bodies are healed in every service. Our Sunday School has reached a new high of 210 without any special drive. Our Bible study attendance has gained in attendance until it is almost equal to Sunday nights. Truly our entire church is being revived and set afire with a re-enactment of the Book of Acts in our midst. Don Morrow, Pastor.



Al and Erika Munger

Bethel Temple of Turlock has some new workers! Pictured above are Al and Erika Munger who are to serve as Director of Youth and Music Director respectively. Brother Munger has had a ministry in youth work, both as a member of a Gospel quartet that toured the nation and as Director of Public Relations at Northwest Bible College. Sister Munger has taught in the Music Departments at C. B. I. and N. B. C. and is the former Music Director for Revivaltime, our Springfield radio voice. We welcome the Mungers to our District and stand assured that they will be a blessing in our midst. The pastor at Turlock is Robert Carrington.

Superintendent's Address

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help in these adventures of faith. Our home missionaries certainly deserve the backing of the entire fellowship.

And now for a brief glance down memory lane. In a comparatively short time we have carved for ourselves and our neighbors a place in the religious and cultural life of our times that is comparable to that of others who have been at the task much longer. But in following the human urge to "point with pride," we perhaps should make frequent use of the question mark. I seem to have sensed at various times a disposition to glory in this phenomenal growth. If this be factual surmising this attitude is not becoming to us. As a matter of fact, I believe that had our course been chartered and steered with greater balance, the impact of this Pentecostal revival on the church and in the world would have been far greater. Rather than boasting, we ought to respond to the tremendous potential entrusted to our stewardship with our shoulders stooped a little under the weight of our self-imposed limitations.

Now a brief glance in the other

direction. If my vision is clear, there are definite indications that our good people should be alerted to the subtle temptation to smug complacency. What will happen to our Spirit-baptized movement if we relax the prayer habits that have kept the human channels open for the Spirit-inwrought passion for souls that has marked the path of this revival from its earliest day? Church history holds the answer. Nice churches, nice friends, prosperity and respectability — all these are good and desirable, but to a people who have experienced the true riches and to whom spiritual values must ever be paramount, these creature comforts have in them the seeds of world affinity. Christian pilgrims are often tempted to drive their camp stakes down deep, when our commission calls for aggressive action. Growth and expansion is the immutable law of living things that would go on to full maturity — including the Church.

The success or failure of tomorrow is taking shape today, and each of us is a contributor both to the direction and to the momentum. As we are united in our purpose to guard our investment in the future, may we never be divided concerning the ur-

gent necessity for continuing to build, on the true foundation, a superstructure that will withstand the fire that shall ultimately "try every man's work of what sort it is." Verily, the intrinsic value of our message and the magnitude of our mission should causes us to walk humbly with God till the new day breaks and the shadows flee away.

Finally, brethren, when the last page of our history is in the permanent record; when the summer is past, the harvest is ended; and the Lord of the vineyard is here to reckon with His servants, many things will be crystal clear. Builders in wood, hay, and stubble will no longer be in the headlines; only stark, unembellished reality will be able to stand erect in the white light of that glorious morning. Works will be important, for saints will be judged according to their works. Faithfulness will take on new and amazing significance, for it will be the yardstick by which men, having been trusted with talents for investment, will be measured and rewarded. But the first and pre-eminent glory of that day of all days will be the unspeakable joy of being found in Him, who is the Head of all principality and power.

A Sure Investment for Time and Eternity

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH, SANTA CRUZ

PLAN: Issuance of \$50,000 bonds of Broadway Plan or Church Financing, bearing interest at the rate of five percent (5%) per annum. Bonds dated April 1, 1955, maturing one to thirteen years.

PURPOSE: Construction of Sanctuary at the corner of Mission and Otis Streets in Santa Cruz. Ground breaking ceremony Easter, April 10, 1955.

PROTECTION: Issued by special permit from the Department of Investment, Division of Corporations of the State of California. Present assets of the church \$90,517.75. Payments of principal and interest semi-annually at the COUNTY BANK OF SANTA CRUZ.

PROPOSAL: Send for free, miniature sample bond that will give you all information you want. Installment payments can be arranged. No obligation on your part. Only 243 bonds for sale.

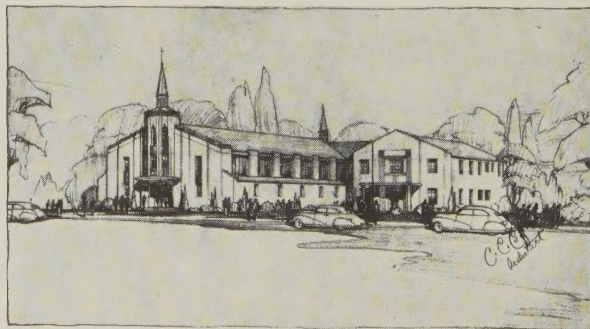
*Let your money work for you
... while it works for God!*

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

Rev. and Mrs. Raymond P. Murray, Pastors

1009 Mission Street

Santa Cruz, Calif.



THE PROPOSED SANCTUARY

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

Lingering Thoughts from Lillian Trasher

Reported by Ferne Murray

The 1,200 people who crowded the auditorium in Vallejo were soon impressed that this humble servant of God who had dared to believe and trust God for the needs of over 900 children daily had made a consecration that included the forsaking of her native home — for life! It has been twenty-five years since her last furlough; she is now 68 years old but she is soon to return to Egypt.

With a twinkle in her eye and a hint of a smile on her lips she quipped, "I have a remarkable ability for having hard times hit me."

She was thinking back 44 years ago when she had taken a 3 months old baby, and then 4 other little boys. The fourth boy had a swelling on his neck and she soon discovered that he had Bubonic plague, and the other 3 had measles. Sister Trasher declared, "I was imprisoned by hope. He would render to me double." She chuckled as she recalled that the "double" had been multiplied many times over.

"Mama," as she loves to be called, recalled that for the first thirty-five years she never knew one day to the next where the money or the food was coming from. After several unsuccessful attempts to get help from a rich man, she made a covenant with the Lord. In her simple faith she prayed:

"Lord, you take care of the finances and I will take care of the children." She dared to ask God to confirm the covenant by sending in \$400. Her assistant reminded her that \$400 was not enough, so she approached God again and raised her figure to \$500. With faith rewarding jubilation she exclaims, "God sent in \$800 and since that time we have each kept our agreement!"

There are now about 900 in her home. Of this total 107 are widows, 22 are blind, and there are 103 babies. The remainder are children of all ages. Surely like Esther she can say, "Perhaps for this reason I came."

Scenes of WMC activities at the Long Beach Convention. In the upper picture is the WMC booth with (left to right): Goldia Anderson, District WMC President; Edith Little (seated), National WMC Field Representative; Edith Whipple (seated), National WMC Secretary; Sister Gribbling, Arizona WMC President; and Sister England, Southern California WMC President. The lower picture shows Sister Lillian Trasher (center) of Egypt expressing her hearty delight for some of the hankies given her in a hanky shower. At the left is Sister Whipple, and at the right Sister Little.

Penny Parade at Vallejo

The penny parade was one of the features of the WMC day at District Council. Floats bearing the coins were wheeled in by the Sectional Directors. North San Joaquin Section, represented by Director Medora Rogers, won first place for the best float. Honors also went to Capitol Section for contributing the largest sum of \$285.54. Peninsula Section came second with \$280.00. The total offering of pennies exceeded \$1,300.00. The money is to be used for furnishings for C. E. F., and the completion of the reception room of Bethany Bible College.



CURRENT SIGNS

"Each One Teach One"

Dr. Frank C. Laubach, who has been called "America's one-man Point Four program," has spent 25 years trying to wipe illiteracy from the face of the earth. Considering the enormity of the task, the Congregational missionary has done surprisingly well, for he is credited with being responsible for 15 million people learning the ABC's.

His first experiment was on the Philippine Island of Mindanao where he put into writing the language of the Moros, previously a solely spoken language. Before he left the island virtually all the Moro population was able to read and write.

Since then he has visited 64 countries and has "made lessons" in 239 languages or dialects. Core of his method is his "Each One Teach One" dictum. He believes each illiterate should be taught individually and then should go out to teach another.

If all Christians would apply this method in their own neighborhood and among their friends and associates, and win only one soul a week, what would be the result? In 3 months time, from a beginning of just one person, if he, and each of his converts and each of their converts won one soul a week, there would be a total of 8,192 believers.

Indo China

"Nearing the end — impending disintegration — capital moving away — government powerless — narcotic drugs sold almost openly — corruption rife — army demoralized. If a situation were to arise in which the war was resumed, the Viet Nam forces would practically cease to exist." (Intelligence Digest, January.)

One can have some sympathy with the U. S. statesmen who despair of doing anything for an Oriental state whose sunken citizens are only too willing to be taken over by the Communists or any other iron hand of promise. The impression one gathers from Far East news reports is that sin's wages are just as sure nationally and socially and economically as they are individually.

The problem of problems in all these enfeebled countries is a moral one. They are minus men of integrity. If these masses do not receive sufficient Gospel to work a moral change in the people, they will get Russia and a rule of force over the people. It is either Christ or Communism!

A Good Balance?

The United States has some 250,000 ministers of the Gospel, while only 18,000 American Protestant missionaries are serving the rest of the world.

Guatemala Prefers

Religious Liberty

The new government of Guatemala, rejecting renewed demands by strong pressure groups, has refused to establish any official religion. Such a step would destroy religious freedom, declared the President's office.

Unique Library

The library of the American Bible Society in its offices in New York City is unique in that it is devoted to a single book. It contains 19,208 copies of the Bible in 979 different languages and dialects.

Unusual Prayer Room

A service station in Wynnewood, Oklahoma has a prayer room which is used by 25 to 50 travellers each day.

Alcoholics

The number of alcoholics in the U. S. has increased substantially in ten years. In 1940 there were 2,632,000 alcoholics in the U. S. By 1950 the number had jumped to 3,876,000.

Main Street Prayers

There's a popular idea that businessmen don't take religion seriously. Two Southern towns have begun something that refutes this: Fulton, Ky., and East Fulton, Tenn. (combined population 6,000) have been holding 30 minute, breakfast prayer meetings every Monday for five months.

Starting with a group of 11, regular attendance swelled in two months to 60; has remained at a high level ever since. Participants report that the services make them feel "refreshed, eager and spiritually fit" to tackle the problems of the coming week. Inspired by the two Fultons, similar services have been instituted in La Center, Ky. and Cairo, Illinois.



Currently celebrating its first birthday, the Pinole Assembly of God has more than one claim to uniqueness. Not least, is the fact that the audience includes five sets of twins as this picture shows. The youngsters are: Connie and Ronnie, Maudine and Claudine, Doyle and Dale, Terry and Jerry, and Jeanine and Sharlene. The pastor at Pinole is Brother Paul Boyd. On March 8, 1955, Brother Gerhart set in order this thriving new assembly.

Faith Afloat

Thousands of gospel messages have been sent in bottles to the seven seas by the Christian Endeavor Union of Northern Ireland. Replies have come from places as distant as Mexico and behind the Iron Curtain. One girl on Ireland's west coast traveled all the way to Belfast to "get further information."

Religion and Parole Work

For the first time in eighteen years religion was included in the discussion of a Minnesota probation and parole officers' meeting held in Minneapolis recently. Clergymen of the major faiths were present and agreed that religion should only be used on a voluntary basis and never be forced on delinquents.

Editorialized a local paper: . . . "There is a growing realization that the warmth and understanding of religion can reach many problems that a cold, detached 'scientific' manner leaves untouched."

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